

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.

JOHN R. MATTINGLY*
DANIEL J. STANGER
SHRINATH MALUR*

GENE W. STOCKMAN
Of Counsel

JEFFREY M. KETCHUM
Registered Patent Agent

* Bar Membership Other Than Virginia

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1800 DIAGONAL ROAD, SUITE 370
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

PATENT, TRADEMARK
AND COPYRIGHT LAW

FACSIMILE: (703) 684-1157

(703) 684-1120

Date: February 21, 2002

Attorney Docket No. NIT-331

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. ASANO et al (see attached)

For:

STORAGE OPERATIONAL SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
PROVIDING THE STORAGE RENTAL SERVICE

Enclosed are:



11 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2002-002036
filed January 9, 2002. ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract X, Description 40 pages; and 9 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Large Entity

| For: | No. Filed | No. Extra |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Basic Fee | | |
| Total Claims | 9 - 20 = * | 0 |
| Indep Claims | 5 - 3 = * | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim (s) | | |

* If difference is less than zero
then enter '0' in second column

| Rate | Fee |
|-------|--------|
| | \$ 370 |
| x 9 | \$ |
| x 42 | \$ |
| + 140 | \$ |
| Total | \$ |

OR

| Rate | Fee |
|-------|--------|
| | \$ 740 |
| x 18 | \$ 0 |
| x 84 | \$ 168 |
| + 280 | \$ 0 |
| Total | \$ 908 |



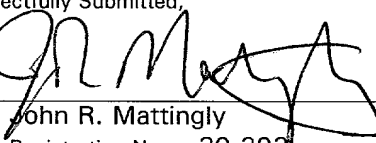
A check in the amount of \$ 908.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to
Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:


John R. Mattingly
Registration No. 30,293

02/21/02
JC923 U.S. PTO

11017 U.S. PTO
10/078350
02/21/02

10078350-022102

NIT-331
NT0625US

LIST OF INVENTORS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Masayasu ASANO, Tokyo, JAPAN;

Kenichi SOEJIMA, Tokyo, JAPAN;

Satoshi MIYAZAKI, Tokyo, JAPAN.

20250702 09:20:00